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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
 THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND
 THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
 SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION

Dr. Zheng w/Att

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)	09/03/2005
FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below	
International filing date (day/month/year)	13/10/2004

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes
 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Fascimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are transmitted herewith.

3. With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

- the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Reminders**

Shortly after the expiration of **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until **30 months** from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, **within 20 months** from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of **30 months** (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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REY NOTED

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the International application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]: "Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]: "Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]: "Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or "Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]: "Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference CL2320PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US2004/034454	International filing date (day/month/year) 13/10/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 14/10/2003
Applicant E.I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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International Application No

PCT/US2004/034454

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07C19/08 C07C17/21 C07C17/04 C07C17/23

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C07C B01J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BEILSTEIN Data, CHEM ABS Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 0 982 281 A (JAPAN AS REPRESENTED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL; NIPP) 1 March 2000 (2000-03-01) example 5 -----	1
A	EP 0 703 208 A (DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD) 27 March 1996 (1996-03-27) page 3, line 27 - line 35 examples 4,16 -----	1
A	WO 98/10862 A (IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES PLC; SCOTT, JOHN, DAVID; WATSON, MICHAEL,) 19 March 1998 (1998-03-19) page 1, line 9 - line 13 page 2, line 4 - page 4, line 6 page 7, line 25 - line 30 ----- -/-	1

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

° Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- *&* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

25 February 2005

Date of mailing of the international search report

09/03/2005

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 0 657 408 A (ELF ATOCHEM S.A) 14 June 1995 (1995-06-14) page 2, line 1 - line 3 page 6-8, catalyst 11 -----	1
A	EP 0 502 605 A (IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES PLC) 9 September 1992 (1992-09-09) the whole document -----	1

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No PCT/US2004/034454	
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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date		Patent family member(s)	Publication date
EP 0982281	A	01-03-2000	JP EP US WO	10316597 A 0982281 A1 6403846 B1 9851650 A1	02-12-1998 01-03-2000 11-06-2002 19-11-1998
EP 0703208	A	27-03-1996	DE DE EP JP US AT ES WO	69417746 D1 69417746 T2 0703208 A1 3498314 B2 5714655 A 178577 T 2132404 T3 9429252 A1	12-05-1999 11-11-1999 27-03-1996 16-02-2004 03-02-1998 15-04-1999 16-08-1999 22-12-1994
WO 9810862	A	19-03-1998	CA EP WO JP US	2263711 A1 0925112 A1 9810862 A1 2001500059 T 2001011061 A1	19-03-1998 30-06-1999 19-03-1998 09-01-2001 02-08-2001
EP 0657408	A	14-06-1995	FR AU CA CN DE DE EP ES GR JP	2713633 A1 8034094 A 2136938 A1 1107827 A 69406525 D1 69406525 T2 0657408 A1 2110201 T3 3025863 T3 7206728 A	16-06-1995 15-06-1995 10-06-1995 06-09-1995 04-12-1997 07-05-1998 14-06-1995 01-02-1998 30-04-1998 08-08-1995
EP 0502605	A	09-09-1992	AT AU AU BR CA CN CN CS DE DE DK EP EP EP ES FI GR HU IE IN JP KR MX NO PL SG RU	140399 T 658161 B2 1032492 A 9200361 A 2059983 A1 1064628 A 1130615 A ,C 9200171 A3 69212183 D1 69212183 T2 502605 T3 1350564 A1 0502605 A1 0666105 A2 2089381 T3 920273 A 3020970 T3 63825 A2 920163 A1 185352 A1 5220400 A 217353 B1 9200998 A1 920299 A 293283 A1 50565 A1 2032464 C1	15-08-1996 06-04-1995 10-09-1992 10-11-1992 08-09-1992 23-09-1992 11-09-1996 16-09-1992 22-08-1996 05-12-1996 28-10-1996 08-10-2003 09-09-1992 09-08-1995 01-10-1996 08-09-1992 31-12-1996 28-10-1993 09-09-1992 06-01-2001 31-08-1993 01-09-1999 01-09-1992 08-09-1992 05-10-1992 20-07-1998 10-04-1995

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
EP 0502605	A	US	5449656 A	12-09-1995
		US	5623092 A	22-04-1997
		US	5281568 A	25-01-1994
		ZA	9200396 A	25-11-1992

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To:

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year) see form PCT/ISA/210 (second sheet)
Applicant's or agent's file reference see form PCT/ISA/220		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below
International application No. PCT/US2004/034454	International filing date (day/month/year) 13.10.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 14.10.2003
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C07C19/08, C07C17/21, C07C17/04, C07C17/23		
Applicant E.I. DUPONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITYInternational application No.
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-7
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-7
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-7
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

1. The following documents are referred to in this communication :

- D1 : EP 0 982 281 A (JAPAN AS REPRESENTED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL; NIPP) 1 March 2000
D2 : EP 0 703 208 A (DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD) 27 March 1996
D3 : WO 98/10862 A (ICI PLC) 19 March 1998
D4 : EP 0 657 408 A (ELF ATOCHEM S.A) 14 June 1995

2. Novelty

2.1 The document D1 discloses (cf. the passages cited in the international search report) a process for the preparation of a mixture comprising 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane and 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoropropane by hydrogenation of hexafluoropropene.

The subject-matter of independent claim 1 relates to the chlorofluorination of halopropenes followed by hydrodechlorination and differs from this known process.

2.2 The document D2 discloses (cf. the passages cited in the international search report) a process for the preparation of 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane by chlorofluorination of hexachloropropene followed by catalytic hydrodechlorination.

The subject-matter of independent claim 1 differs from this known process in the catalyst used for the fluorination reaction and in the co-production of 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane and 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoropropane.

2.3 The documents D3 and D4 disclose (cf. the passages cited in the international search report) catalysts as described in claim 1 for use in the fluorination of halogenated hydrocarbons.

A fluorination of halogenated propenes according to claim 1 is not disclosed.

2.4 The subject-matter of independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-7 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

3. Inventive Step

3.1 Document D1 or D2 may be considered as being the closest prior art.

3.2 Starting from D1, pertaining to the preparation of the same target compounds, the problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as provision of an alternative process for the production of 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane and 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoropropane.

The solution to this problem proposed in claims 1-7 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT), because there was no teaching in the prior art (D1-D4) that would have lead the skilled person to combine the features of D1 and D2 while using a catalyst according to D4 or D5 to arrive at a process according to claim 1.

3.3 Starting from D2, disclosing the production of one of the two target compounds (1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane) from halogenated propenes, there was not teaching in the prior art to modify the process according to D2 such as to produce both 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane and 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoropropane (as in D1) while using a catalyst as disclosed in D3 or D4.